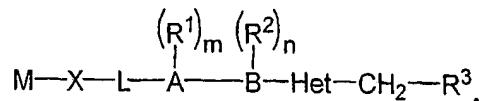


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1 1. A compound having the formula:



3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof, wherein:

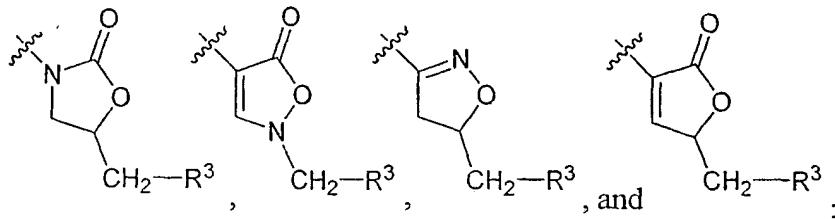
4 A is selected from the group consisting of:

5 phenyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, and pyridazinyl;

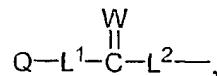
6 B is selected from the group consisting of:

7 phenyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, and pyridazinyl;

8 Het-CH₂-R³ is selected from the group consisting of:



10 M has the formula:



12 wherein

13 L¹ is a bond or C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more R⁴
14 groups;

15 L² is a bond or C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more R⁴
16 groups;

17 Q is selected from the group consisting of:

18 a) H, b) -NR⁴R⁴, c) -OR⁴, and d) C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted
19 with one or more R⁴ groups; and

20 W is selected from the group consisting of O and S;

21 X is selected from the group consisting of:

22 a) -NR⁴-, b) -NR⁴NR⁴-, and c) -S-;

23 L is C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more R⁴ groups;

24 R¹, at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

- 25 a) F, b) Cl, c) Br, d) I, e) -CF₃, f) -OR⁷, g) -CN, h) -NO₂, i) -NR⁷R⁷, j) -C(O)R⁷,
- 26 k) -C(O)OR⁷, l) -OC(O)R⁷, m) -C(O)NR⁷R⁷, n) -NR⁷C(O)R⁷, o) -OC(O)NR⁷R⁷,
- 27 p) -NR⁷C(O)OR⁷, q) -NR⁷C(O)NR⁷R⁷, r) -C(S)R⁷, s) -C(S)OR⁷, t) -OC(S)R⁷,
- 28 u) -C(S)NR⁷R⁷, v) -NR⁷C(S)R⁷, w) -OC(S)NR⁷R⁷, x) -NR⁷C(S)OR⁷,
- 29 y) -NR⁷C(S)NR⁷R⁷, z) -C(NR⁷)R⁷, aa) -C(NR⁷)OR⁷, bb) -OC(NR⁷)R⁷,
- 30 cc) -C(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, dd) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)R⁷, ee) -OC(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷,
- 31 ff) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)OR⁷, gg) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, hh) -S(O)_pR⁷, ii) -SO₂NR⁷R⁷, and
- 32 jj) R⁷;

33 R², at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

- 34 a) F, b) Cl, c) Br, d) I, e) -CF₃, f) -OR⁷, g) -CN, h) -NO₂, i) -NR⁷R⁷, j) -C(O)R⁷,
- 35 k) -C(O)OR⁷, l) -OC(O)R⁷, m) -C(O)NR⁷R⁷, n) -NR⁷C(O)R⁷, o) -OC(O)NR⁷R⁷,
- 36 p) -NR⁷C(O)OR⁷, q) -NR⁷C(O)NR⁷R⁷, r) -C(S)R⁷, s) -C(S)OR⁷, t) -OC(S)R⁷,
- 37 u) -C(S)NR⁷R⁷, v) -NR⁷C(S)R⁷, w) -OC(S)NR⁷R⁷, x) -NR⁷C(S)OR⁷,
- 38 y) -NR⁷C(S)NR⁷R⁷, z) -C(NR⁷)R⁷, aa) -C(NR⁷)OR⁷, bb) -OC(NR⁷)R⁷,
- 39 cc) -C(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, dd) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)R⁷, ee) -OC(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷,
- 40 ff) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)OR⁷, gg) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, hh) -S(O)_pR⁷, ii) -SO₂NR⁷R⁷, and
- 41 jj) R⁷;

42 R³ is selected from the group consisting of:

- 43 a) -OR⁷, b) -NR⁷R⁷, c) -C(O)R⁷, d) -C(O)OR⁷, e) -OC(O)R⁷, f) -C(O)NR⁷R⁷,
- 44 g) -NR⁷C(O)R⁷, h) -OC(O)NR⁷R⁷, i) -NR⁷C(O)OR⁷, j) -NR⁷C(O)NR⁷R⁷,
- 45 k) -C(S)R⁷, l) -C(S)OR⁷, m) -OC(S)R⁷, n) -C(S)NR⁷R⁷, o) -NR⁷C(S)R⁷,
- 46 p) -OC(S)NR⁷R⁷, q) -NR⁷C(S)OR⁷, r) -NR⁷C(S)NR⁷R⁷, s) -C(NR⁷)R⁷,
- 47 t) -C(NR⁷)OR⁷, u) -OC(NR⁷)R⁷, v) -C(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, w) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)R⁷,
- 48 x) -OC(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, y) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)OR⁷, z) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, aa) -S(O)_pR⁷,
- 49 bb) -SO₂NR⁷R⁷, and cc) R⁷;

50 R⁴, at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

- 51 a) H, b) =O, c) =S, d) =NR⁵, e) =NOR⁵, f) =N-NR⁵R⁵, g) -OR⁵, h) -NO₂, i) -NR⁵R⁵,
- 52 j) -C(O)R⁵, k) -C(O)OR⁵, l) -OC(O)R⁵, m) -C(O)NR⁵R⁵, n) -NR⁵C(O)R⁵,
- 53 o) -OC(O)NR⁵R⁵, p) -NR⁵C(O)OR⁵, q) -NR⁵C(O)NR⁵R⁵, r) -C(S)R⁵,

54 s) -C(S)OR⁵, t) -OC(S)R⁵, u) -C(S)NR⁵R⁵, v) -NR⁵C(S)R⁵, w) -OC(S)NR⁵R⁵,
 55 x) -NR⁵C(S)OR⁵, y) -NR⁵C(S)NR⁵R⁵, z) -C(NR⁵)R⁵, aa) -C(NR⁵)OR⁵,
 56 bb) -OC(NR⁵)R⁵, cc) -C(NR⁵)NR⁵R⁵, dd) -NR⁵C(NR⁵)R⁵, ee) -OC(NR⁵)NR⁵R⁵,
 57 ff) -NR⁵C(NR⁵)OR⁵, gg) -NR⁵C(NR⁵)NR⁵R⁵, hh) -S(O)_pR⁵, and ii) R⁵;

58 R⁵, at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

59 a) H, b) C₁₋₆ alkyl, c) -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and d) -C(O)O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

60 wherein any of b) – d) optionally is substituted with one or more R⁶ groups;

61 R⁶, at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

62 a) -OH, b) -OC₁₋₆ alkyl, c) -SH, d) -NO₂, e) -NH₂, f) -NHC₁₋₆ alkyl,

63 g) -N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, h) -C(O)H, i) -C(O)OH, j) -C(O)C₁₋₆ alkyl,

64 k) -OC(O)C₁₋₆ alkyl, l) -C(O)OC₁₋₆ alkyl, m) -C(O)NH₂, n) -C(O)NHC₁₋₆ alkyl,

65 o) -C(O)N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, p) -NHC(O)C₁₋₆ alkyl, and q) -S(O)_pC₁₋₆ alkyl;

66 R⁷, at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

67 a) H, b) C₁₋₆ alkyl, c) C₂₋₆ alkenyl, d) C₂₋₆ alkynyl, e) C₃₋₁₄ saturated, unsaturated, or
 68 aromatic carbocycle, f) 3-14 membered saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic

69 heterocycle comprising one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting
 70 of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur, g) -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl, h) -C(O)-C₂₋₆ alkenyl,

71 i) -C(O)-C₂₋₆ alkynyl, j) -C(O)-C₃₋₁₄ saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic carbocycle,

72 k) -C(O)-3-14 membered saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic heterocycle comprising
 73 one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen,

74 and sulfur, l) -C(O)O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, m) -C(O)O-C₂₋₆ alkenyl,

75 n) -C(O)O-C₂₋₆ alkynyl, o) -C(O)O-C₃₋₁₄ saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic

76 carbocycle, and p) -C(O)O-3-14 membered saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic

77 heterocycle comprising one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting
 78 of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur,

79 wherein any of b) – p) optionally is substituted with one or more R⁸ groups;

80 R⁸, at each occurrence, is independently selected from the group consisting of:

81 a) F, b) Cl, c) Br, d) I, e) =O, f) =S, g) =NR⁹, h) =NOR⁹, i) =N-NR⁹R⁹, j) -CF₃, k) -

82 OR⁹, l) -CN, m) -NO₂, n) -NR⁹R⁹, o) -C(O)R⁹, p) -C(O)OR⁹, q) -OC(O)R⁹,

83 r) -C(O)NR⁹R⁹, s) -NR⁹C(O)R⁹, t) -OC(O)NR⁹R⁹, u) -NR⁹C(O)OR⁹,

84 v) -NR⁹C(O)NR⁹R⁹, w) -C(S)R⁹, x) -C(S)OR⁹, y) -OC(S)R⁹, z) -C(S)NR⁹R⁹,

85 aa) -NR⁹C(S)R⁹, bb) -OC(S)NR⁹R⁹, cc) -NR⁹C(S)OR⁹, dd) -NR⁹C(S)NR⁹R⁹,

86 ee) -C(NR⁹)R⁹, ff) -C(NR⁹)OR⁹, gg) -OC(NR⁹)R⁹, hh) -C(NR⁹)NR⁹R⁹,
 87 ii) -NR⁹C(NR⁹)R⁹, jj) -OC(NR⁹)NR⁹R⁹, kk) -NR⁹C(NR⁹)OR⁹,
 88 ll) -NR⁹C(NR⁹)NR⁹R⁹, mm) -S(O)_pR⁹, nn) -SO₂NR⁹R⁹, and oo) R⁹;

89 R⁹, at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

90 a) H, b) C₁₋₆ alkyl, c) C₂₋₆ alkenyl, d) C₂₋₆ alkynyl, e) C₃₋₁₄ saturated, unsaturated, or
91 aromatic carbocycle, f) 3-14 membered saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic
92 heterocycle comprising one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting
93 of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur, g) -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl, h) -C(O)-C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
94 i) -C(O)-C₂₋₆ alkynyl, j) -C(O)-C₃₋₁₄ saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic carbocycle,
95 k) -C(O)-3-14 membered saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic heterocycle comprising
96 one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen,
97 and sulfur, l) -C(O)O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, m) -C(O)O-C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
98 n) -C(O)O-C₂₋₆ alkynyl, o) -C(O)O-C₃₋₁₄ saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic
99 carbocycle, and p) -C(O)O-3-14 membered saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic
100 heterocycle comprising one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting
101 of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur,

102 wherein any of b) – p) optionally is substituted with one or more moieties
103 selected from the group consisting of:

104 a) F, b) Cl, c) Br, d) I, e) -CF₃, f) -OH, g) -OC₁₋₆ alkyl, h) -SH,
 105 i) -SC₁₋₆ alkyl, j) -CN, k) -NO₂, l) -NH₂, m) -NHC₁₋₆ alkyl,
 106 n) -N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, o) -C(O)C₁₋₆ alkyl, p) -OC(O)C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 107 q) -C(O)OC₁₋₆ alkyl, r) -C(O)NH₂, s) -C(O)NHC₁₋₆ alkyl,
 108 t) -C(O)N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, u) -NHC(O)C₁₋₆ alkyl, v) -SO₂NH₂-,
 109 w) -SO₂NHC₁₋₆ alkyl, x) -SO₂N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, and
 110 y) -S(O)_pC₁₋₆ alkyl;

111 m is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

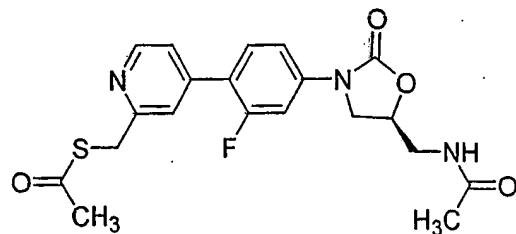
112 n is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4; and

113 p, at each occurrence, independently is 0, 1, or 2,

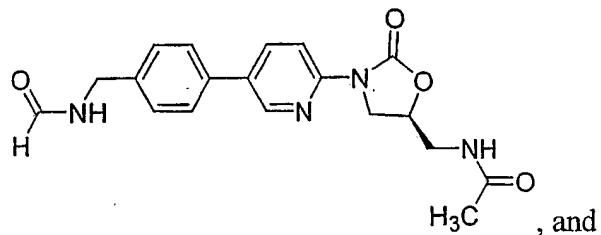
114 and wherein the compound does not have the formula selected from the group consisting

115 cf:

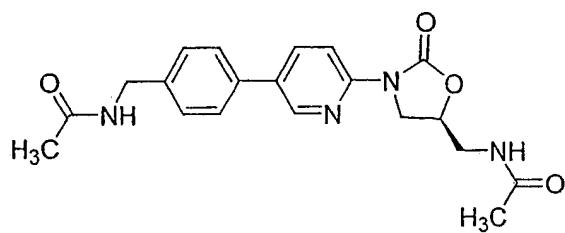
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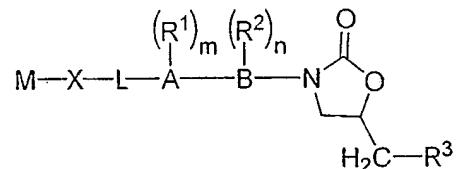


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1 2. The compound according to claim 1, having the formula:

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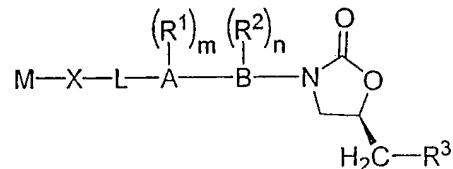


3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

4 wherein A, B, L, M, R¹, R², R³, X, m, and n are defined as described in claim 1.

1 3. The compound according to claim 1 or 2, having the formula:

2



3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

4 wherein A, B, L, M, R¹, R², R³, X, m, and n are defined as described in claim 1.

1 4. The compound according to any one of claims 1-3, wherein

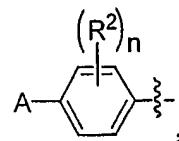
2 A is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridyl;

3 B is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridyl;

4 m is 0, 1, or 2; and

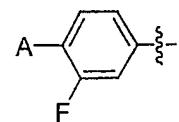
5 n is 0, 1, or 2.

1 5. The compound according to any one of claims 1-4, wherein A-B is:



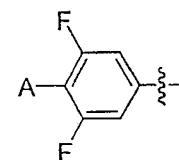
3 wherein A, R², and n are defined as described in claim 1.

1 6. The compound according to claim 5, wherein A-B is:



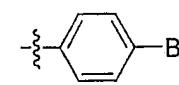
3 wherein A is defined as described in claim 1.

1 7. The compound according to claim 5, wherein A-B is:



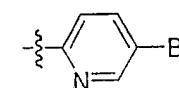
3 wherein A is defined as described in claim 1.

1 8. The compound according to any one of claims 1-7, wherein A-B is:



3 wherein B is defined as described in claim 1.

1 9. The compound according to any one of claims 1-7, wherein A-B is:

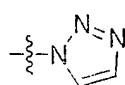


3 wherein B is defined as described in claim 1.

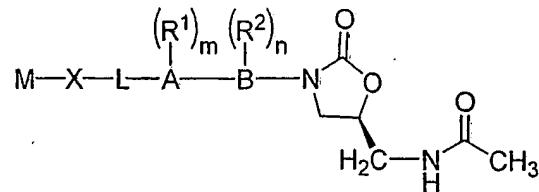
1 10. The compound according to any one of claims 1-9, wherein R³ is -NHC(O)R⁷.

1 11. The compound according to claim 10, wherein R³ is -NHC(O)CH₃.

1 12. The compound according to any one of claims 1-9, wherein R³ is:

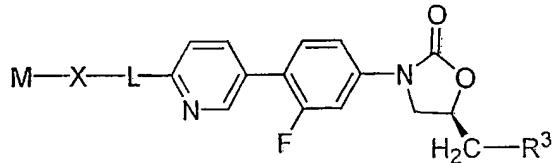


1 13. The compound according to claim 1 or 2, having the formula:



4 wherein L, M, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

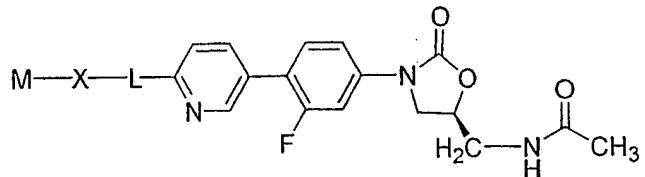
1 18. The compound according to claim 14, having the formula:



3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

4 wherein L, M, R³, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

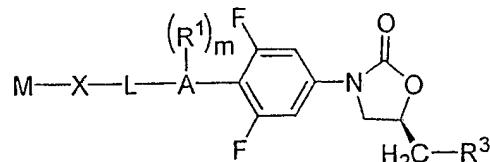
1 19. The compound according to claim 18, having the formula:



3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

4 wherein L, M, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

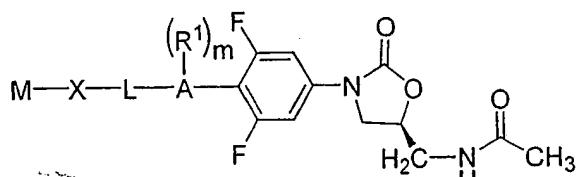
1 20. The compound according to claim 1 or 2, having the formula:



3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

4 wherein A, L, M, R¹, R³, X, and m are defined as described in claim 1.

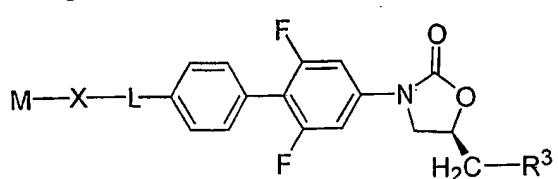
1 21. The compound according to claim 20, having the formula:



3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

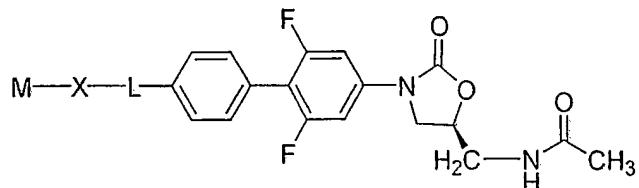
4 wherein A, L, M, R¹, X, and m are defined as described in claim 1.

1 22. The compound according to claim 20, having the formula:



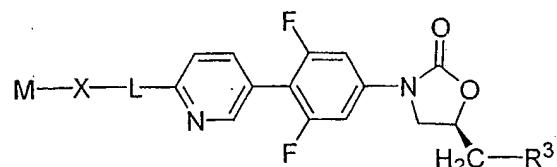
3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,
 4 wherein L, M, R³, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

1 23. The compound according to claim 22, having the formula:



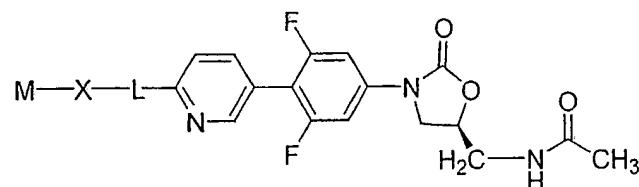
3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,
 4 wherein L, M, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

1 24. The compound according to claim 20, having the formula:



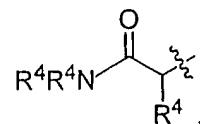
3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,
 4 wherein L, M, R³, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

1 25. The compound according to claim 24, having the formula:



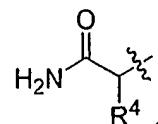
3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,
 4 wherein L, M, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

1 26. The compound according to any one of claims 1-25, wherein M is:



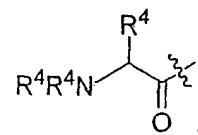
3 and R⁴, at each occurrence, independently is defined as described in claim 1.

1 27. The compound according to claim 26, wherein M is:



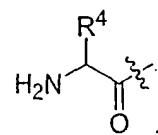
3 and R⁴ is defined as described in claim 1.

1 28. The compound according to any one of claims 1-25, wherein M is:



3 and R⁴, at each occurrence, independently is defined as described in claim 1.

1 29. The compound according to claim 28, wherein M is:



3 and R⁴ is defined as described in claim 1.

1 30. The compound according to any one of claims 1-29, wherein X is -NH-.

1 31. The compound according to any one of claims 1-29, wherein X is:



1 32. A compound having the structure corresponding to any one of the structures listed in
2 Table 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, or prodrug thereof.

1 33. A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more compounds according to any one
2 of claims 1-32 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

1 34. A method of treating a microbial infection in a mammal comprising the step of
2 administering to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any
3 one of claims 1-32.

1 35. A method of treating a fungal infection in a mammal comprising the step of administering
2 to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any one of claims
3 1-32.

1 36. A method of treating a parasitic disease in a mammal comprising the step of
2 administering to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any
3 one of claims 1-32.

1 37. A method of treating a proliferative disease in a mammal comprising the step of
2 administering to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any
3 one of claims 1-32.

1 38. A method of treating a viral infection in a mammal comprising the step of administering
2 to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any one of claims
3 1-32.

1 39. A method of treating an inflammatory disease in a mammal comprising the step of
2 administering to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any
3 one of claims 1-32.

1 40. A method of treating a gastrointestinal motility disorder in a mammal comprising the step
2 of administering to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any
3 one of claims 1-32.

1 41. A method of treating a disorder in a mammal comprising the step of administering to the
2 mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any one of claims 1-32
3 thereby to ameliorate a symptom of the disorder, wherein the disorder is selected from the group
4 consisting of:

5 a skin infection, nosocomial pneumonia, post-viral pneumonia, an abdominal infection, a
6 urinary tract infection, bacteremia, septicemia, endocarditis, an atrio-ventricular shunt
7 infection, a vascular access infection, meningitis, surgical prophylaxis, a peritoneal
8 infection, a bone infection, a joint infection, a methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*
9 infection, a vancomycin-resistant *Enterococci* infection, a linezolid-resistant organism
10 infection, and tuberculosis.

1 42. The method according to any one of claims 34-41, wherein the compound is administered
2 orally, parentally, or topically.

1 43. A method of synthesizing a compound according to any one of claims 1-32.

1 44. A medical device containing one or more compounds according to any one of claims
2 1-32.

1 45. The medical device according to claim 44, wherein the device is a stent.

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